

I. MANDATES

Approximately 70% of the funds spent by the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse for prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse in the state of Nevada come from the federal government. The funds are obtained by annually submitting a Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). One of the requirements for a state to receive Block Grant funds is that an assessment of need must be conducted as prescribed by federal law and regulation.

Section 1929 of Public Law 102-321 requires that states conduct a needs assessment in order to receive Block Grant funds. It reads as follows:

“The Secretary may make a grant under section 1921 only if the State submits to the Secretary an assessment of the need in the State for authorized activities (which assessment is conducted in accordance with criteria issued by the Secretary), both by locality and by the State in general, which assessment includes a description of:

- (1) the incidence and prevalence in the State of drug abuse and the incidence and prevalence in the State of alcohol abuse and alcoholism;
- (2) current prevention and treatment activities in the State;
- (3) the need of the State for technical assistance to carry out such activities;
- (4) efforts by the State to achieve such activities; and
- (5) the extent to which the availability of such activities is insufficient to meet the need for the activities, the interim services to be made available under sections 1923(a) and 1927(b), and the manner in which such services are to be so available.”

Further detail about the manner in which needs assessments must be conducted is found in regulation as prescribed by 45 CFR Part 96.133.

At the State level, Nevada Revised Statute 458.025 (1)(a) provides that, “The Health Division:

1. Shall formulate and operate a comprehensive state plan for alcohol and drug abuse programs which must include:
 - (a) A survey of the need for prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse, including a survey of the facilities needed to provide services and a plan for the development and distribution of services and programs throughout the state.”

The following report has been prepared to satisfy these federal and state requirements as well as to fulfill the Bureau's mission to **"Reduce the Impact of Substance Abuse in Nevada."**